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regulating the healing process and preventing fibrosis. Anionic polymers specified in WO 92/21354 include dextran sulfate, pentosan polysulfate as well as natural proteoglycans, or the glycosaminoglycan moieties of proteoglycans, including dermatan sulfate, chondroitin sulfate, keratan sulfate, heparan sulfate, heparin and alginate. —

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 36 and 38.

Please amend the following claims:

22. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 1 which further comprises a compound selected from the group consisting of glycosolaminoglycan, an antibiotic agent, prostacyclin or an analogue thereof, a fibrinolytic agent or an analogue thereof, an anti-inflammatory agent or an analogue thereof, dextrin sulphate and methylene blue.

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23. (Amended) A method of preventing or reducing the incidence of adhesions in or associated with a body cavity, comprising introducing into the body cavity a composition comprising an aqueous formulation further comprising a polysaccharide dextrin in an amount effective to prevent or reduce the incidence of such adhesions, wherein the dextrin comprises more than 15% of polymers with a degree of polymerization (DP) greater than 12 and acts as an osmotic agent to maintain a volume of the aqueous formulation in the body cavity serving to separate tissues which otherwise may adhere to each other.

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Please add the following new claims:

40. (New) A prevention kit comprising an aqueous formulation of dextrin, wherein the prevention kit is useful for surgical use for the prevention of adhesions in animals or humans.